

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

May 15, 2014, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility

1935 S. Hughes Way

El Segundo, CA 90245

### *Attendance:*

EJ Caldwell

Liz Crosson

Fran Diamond

Timothy Lippman

Susan Nissman

Micheál O'Leary

### *Absent:*

Sarah Sikich

### *Staff Present:*

Scott Valor, Guangyu Wang

### *Guests: John Davis, Walter*

Lamb, Laurie Newman,

Damian Skinner

*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:15 p.m.*

Micheál O'Leary chaired the meeting

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

Members of the public presented to the Executive Committee.

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

- a. Consideration of Approval of March 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection (M: Diamond, S: Crosson, Abstain: Caldwell)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged.

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Guangyu Wang addressed the Executive Committee, reporting on recent activities, including two new grants (\$45,000 from City of LA for water conservation outreach/education and \$245,000 from Cal Recycle to our boater program for bilge pad distribution, collection, and recycling education). Chair O'Leary raised his Saving Water Access Team idea, educating people to reduce their home water bills as well as their neighbors. EJ Caldwell talked about the West Basin Water Smart program.

Laurie Newman briefly introduced herself.

Wang then noted that a team of EPA staff will be here in early June to do a site visit throughout the watershed with SMBRC and TBF staff. Staff prepared an extensive report

for both DC and Northern California EPA staff. Based on review of that report, EPA staff will then conduct the site visit to complete the overview process.

There was brief public comment by John Davis and Walter Lamb.

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for June

Ratification of SMBRC Executive Director

Guangyu Wang noted that The Bay Foundation board met this week and hired Tom Ford to be the Executive Director of TBF. He introduced Laurie Newman, TBF President, who gave more details regarding this.

John Davis made public comment on this issue.

Review and Approval of Fiscal Year 2015 Work Plan

Guangyu Wang gave a brief summary of the 2015 Work Plan that is required by US EPA to qualify for annual federal funding.

John Davis made public comment on this issue.

Election of Governing Board Member to the SMBRA Board

Scott Valor noted that there is an SMBRC representative vacancy on the JPA board (due to Richard Bloom leaving the SMBRC). The county has asked the SMBRC to fill the position at its earliest convenience.

John Davis made public comment on this issue.

Consideration of Appointment of Audubon Society to the Watershed Advisory Council

Scott Valor noted that he is working with the Audubon Society on the necessary paperwork in order to meet the WAC submittal requirements. He noted that Audubon has worked with the SMBRC on various restoration projects, including the ongoing restoration of Malibu Lagoon.

The four agenda items above were approved for the June Governing Board agenda without objection. (M: Diamond, S: Caldwell)

- b. Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Susan Nissman noted a public workshop for Malibu Creek Watershed EWMPs is upcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. without objection.